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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY DEFENSE SECRETARY  
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REF: A. SEOUL 3408, B. TOKYO 7012

1. PARA TWO REF B STATEMENT IS FROM HEARINGS BEFORE DOD  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FEBRUARY  
28 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE MR. GIAIMO. ARE THERE ANY RESTRIC-  
TIONS ON THE USE OF US BASES IN JAPAN IN SUPPORT OF THE  
DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA? SECRETARY SCHLESINGER.  
USE OF US BASES IN JAPAN IN SUPPORT OF THE DEFENSE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) IS BEST GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF JAPAN'S (GOJ) PERCEPTION THAT A SECURE ROK IS  
IMPORTANT TO THE SECURITY OF JAPAN. FURTHER, THE GOJ  
HAS PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITED STATES  
USE OF THE BASES IN JAPAN FOR THE DEFENSE OF KOREA AT THE  
TIME OF THE OKINAWA REVERSION. AT THAT TIME, MR. SATO,  
THE GOJ PRIME MINISTER, DECLARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT  
WOULD RESPOND "POSITIVELY AND PROMPTLY" TO A REQUEST BY  
THE UNITED STATES TO RESPOND FROM BASES IN JAPAN IN CASE  
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OF AGGRESSION IN KOREA. END QUOTE.

2. PARA THREE REF A CONTAINED IN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE'S  
NEWS CONFERENCE MARCH 28 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE WHAT I SAID,  
I THINK, WAS THAT WE ARE LOOKING TOWARD THE POSSIBILITY  
OF TAKING THE ARMY FORCES IN KOREA AND MAKING THEM INTO  
A MOBILE RESERVE; THAT SUCH A MOBILE RESERVE WOULD  
CONTINUE PRESUMABLY TO BE STATIONED IN KOREA. I THINK  
THAT I SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT WE EXPECT THAT ANNOUNCEMENTS  
OF ADJUSTMENTS OF THE US POSTURE IN THE FAR EAST WILL  
BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END QUOTE. BROWN

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